



**County of Santa Barbara**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Minute Order**

**September 10, 2019**

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**Present:** 5 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Hart, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Adam, and Supervisor Lavagnino

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

File Reference No. 19-00782

**RE:** HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding a response to the 2018-2019 Grand Jury Report: Suicide in Custody, as follows: (EST. TIME: 30 MIN.)

- a) Consider and adopt the responses as the Board of Supervisors' response to the 2018-2019 Grand Jury report entitled "Suicide in Custody;" and
- b) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the letter and forward the letter and responses to the Presiding Judge of Santa Barbara County Superior Court; and
- c) Determine pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines 15378(b) (5) that the above actions are not a project subject to CEQA review, because they are government administrative activities that does not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: POLICY

*HEARING TIME: 1:57 PM - 2:00 PM (3 MIN.)*

**Received and filed staff presentation and conducted public hearing.**

**A motion was made by Supervisor Adam, seconded by Supervisor Hart, that this matter be acted on as follows:**

- a) **Considered and adopted;**
- b) **Approved and authorized; Chair to execute; and**
- c) **Approved.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 5 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Hart, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Adam, and Supervisor Lavagnino

**DAS WILLIAMS**  
First District

**Gregg Hart**  
Second District, Vice Chair

**JOAN HARTMANN**  
Third District

**PETER ADAM**  
Fourth District

**STEVE LAVAGNINO**  
Fifth District, Chair



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Honorable Michael J. Carrozzo  
Presiding Judge  
Santa Barbara Superior Court  
County Courthouse  
1100 Anacapa Street  
Santa Barbara CA 93101

Reference: Response to Santa Barbara Civil Grand Jury report titled, "Suicide in Custody" published June 29, 2019.

Judge Carrozzo:

Please find attached the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors (Board) response to the above referenced Civil Grand Jury Report. As directed by the Grand Jury, all responses are provided in accordance with Section 933.05 of the California Penal Code.

The Board appreciates the work conducted by the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in responding to this matter.

Sincerely,

Steve Lavagnino, Chair  
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

CC: Santa Barbara County Grand Jury

**Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors  
Response to the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury 2018-2019 Report  
“Suicide in Custody”**

**Finding 9**

**The Jail is operating without National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) accreditation, contrary to the contract requirement.**

The Board of Supervisors agrees with the finding.

**Recommendation 9**

**That the Board of Supervisors closely examine the provisions of the existing medical provider contract and enforce all of the current provider’s obligations, especially with regard to the continuing failure to obtain National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) accreditation for the Jail.**

Recommendation 9 has been implemented, the Sheriff, along with representatives from WellPath, are scheduled to present to the Board of Supervisors on September 17, 2019, the annual report of their provision of health care at the Jail, which will include a report of their progress in securing NCCHC Accreditation.